ACROSS / A15

6 ambassadors get together for Mindanao projects, peace

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Tales of sex, drugs proliferate in Indian call centers



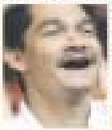
NEWS / A2

Gina Pareño wins best actress in Brussels film fest

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Santiago: I'm too young to be Chief Justice for now

Martyr, pool champ came from same Calamba street



ALCANO: New hero

By Maong R. Castillo

BORN AND RAISED ON the same street as national hero Jose Rizal in Calamba, Laguna, Rosado Alcano is now a national hero in his own right.

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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Filipino rocker tapped for Asean gig in Cebu

By Christine O. Avendaño



Foreign businesses to GMA: Stop killings

SSS back in pink of health after 5 years

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) is now in the pink of health, a reversal of its fortunes five years ago when its pension fund for workers in the private sector was teetering on the brink of collapse.

The turnaround came after the new SSS management quickened its services and went after delinquent employers, while the government stopped meddling in its investment decisions, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

"The SSS is now stronger with bigger contributions from companies, especially those that were not paying before. Through these reforms, we have lengthened its actuarial life up to 2031 from 2015 previously," Ms Arroyo said in a televised round-table discussion on the SSS.

Ms Arroyo and SSS officials, however, were silent on the performance of SSS investments in companies like Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Equitable PCI Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines. The country's stock market has hit nine-year highs.

SSS BACK: A8

Solar panels to light up House tree

By Blanche S. Rivera

HAIL YOURSELF AN EARTH-friendly little Christmas. Let your electric bills be light.

Environmentalists are funding the country's legislators two solar panels to power more than 500 lights draping the annual Christmas tree at the House of Representatives in Quezon City.

The 12-foot Christmas tree—the first to be powered by sunlight in the House—will be erected near the session hall tomorrow, in the hope of getting the lawmakers to back a law on renewable energy that would tap the country's clean energy potential, which experts say is among the biggest in the world.

The Christmas tree's lights will be switched on at least eight hours a day from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31.

"Our message is we need them to have a stronger version of the renewable energy bill, to pass it before this Congress ends," Greenpeace energy campaigner Jasper Inventor told the Inquirer.

To make its renewable energy

SOLAR PANELS: A18



AERIAL ACROBAT

A dolphin from South America flips in the air during the Ocean Adventure Show at the Subic Bay Freeport. The sprawling former US naval facility not only lures huge foreign investments but is now home to nature theme parks, thanks mainly to its marine and forest reserves.

US-based firms join unprecedented call

By Ronnel W. Domingo

SAYING VIOLENCE HAS NO PLACE IN A DEMOCracy, foreign chambers of commerce and multinational companies yesterday made an unprecedented call on President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration to put an end to political killings or risk losing aid and investments.

The statement was issued by the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce (JFC) in the Philippines, comprising business groups from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, Japan and Korea, and the Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters.

A similar plea was made in a letter sent to Ms Arroyo on Thursday that was signed by local officials of the US-based apparel companies Gap, Polo Ralph Lauren, Wal-Mart, Liz Claiborne, American Eagle Outfitters, Jones Apparel Group and Phillips Van Heusen.

The business groups' appeals came amid unabated attacks on media people and leftists and religious groups, Ms Arroyo's vow to

FOREIGN: A4

UNTANGLING THE RSBS MESS

Soldiers' money went to many businesses

By Fe Zamora

(Second of four parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

IN AUGUST, ANASTACIO VICTORIO, a former storeroom supervisor of Goodfit Manufacturing Corp., finally received P30,000 in separation benefits from the company he had served since 1987.

Another 181 workers who sued Goodfit after it closed down in December 2003 also received their separation pay.

Victorio and the payments came from the sale of equipment sold as junk and scrap iron for P2.4 million, a meager amount compared to Goodfit's appraised value of P7.5 million in early 2004.

The separation benefits were settled after lawyers and the sheriff were paid.

"It's better than nothing," Victorio told the Inquirer.

Established in 1987, Goodfit was a joint venture between the Tambunting family, owners of the pioneer shoe factory Ang Tibay,

SOLDIERS: A4

Ping: It's God's will that I run for mayor

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

NOW IT IS SEN. PANFILO "PING" Lacson who has received a sign from God.

After going through what he said were "restless days and sleepless nights," Lacson—Malacañang's longtime nemesis—yesterday announced he would gun for the post of mayor of Manila in next year's local elections.

Forsaking possibly another six-year term in the Senate, the Caviteño known for his tough image as a former national police chief has even come up with a campaign battle cry.

And that is to bring HOPE (Health, Order, Progress and Education) to the country's premier city and its roughly 2 million people.

Lacson also promised to fight corruption and change the dole-out culture that has ruined local politics.

Some advisers said that if Lacson proved his worth as Manila mayor, this would be his ticket to an eventual shot at the presidency.

Lacson's announcement sets the stage for what could be a no-holds-barred battle in May 2007 with Alfredo Lim, another opposition senator, a former Manila mayor himself and, like Lacson, a former police officer whose exploits dealings with criminals had earned him the nickname "Dirty Harry."

Lim has also said he will run for Manila mayor. About half a dozen other politicians or political neophytes have signalled their hopes of also becoming the city mayor.

In a country where religion and superstition sometimes, if

PING: A6



LACSON: Man of the cloth gave the advice.



GERRY Lee Zara, who is afflicted with leukemia, spreads life's joys through the Internet.

Cancer patient spreads life's joys online

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC Zone—Gerry Lee Zara, 19, is not letting leukemia kill his will to live and learn.

Confined to the house due to his frail health yet unyielding to despair from the threat of dying early, Zara battles it out through the Internet powered for him by Smart Bro.

On a personal computer given to him by Smart Communications Inc. in October 2005, Zara surfs the Web, lapping up all the information he can get on a variety of subjects like science and technology, health, culture, sports and even fashion.

Through the Internet, he stays in touch with more than 200 friends, telling them in e-mails to "pursue their dreams and make the most out of life with their good health."

To those youths, he has become a sort of ambassador of life.

In turn, he is swamped with messages telling him "not to give up, to fight on."

His computer is in the corner of a small 4 x 7-meter room he shares with two brothers and a sister. He calls home Unit 5S-01 in Air Force City here where his father, MSgt. Henry Zara Sr., is communications supervisor of the 600th Air Base Wing.

"I'm still connected," Zara says, referring to his cyberspace activities that allow him to keep in touch with friends, find new ones and nourish his mind with new information since leukemia forced him to stop schooling.

His illness was detected in April 2005, just after Zara completed his first year in an electronic communications engineering course at Holy Angel University in Angeles City outside Clark, says his 46-year-old mother Evangeline.

After he had to quit school,

CANCER: A6

I'm too young to be CJ–Miriam

WILL IT BE CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO PUNO?

The possibility arose after Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, in a talk with reporters yesterday, said she had gotten signals from President Macapagal-Arroyo that she might not be the successor of Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban who is retiring on Dec. 7.

Gov't trying to convince witness to talk against Atong–Rosebud

Yet another plan to save Manila Bay launched

Once again, lady in 'jueteng' wows 'em in Brussels

Dec. 1, not Nov. 30, a holiday

Pro-JPEPA trade groups ready report

Scouts say not interested in girls





Ping: It's God's will that I run for mayor

Turning to prayer

Divine sign

No turning back

Frustrated with pork

Numbers favor him

Empowering the people



ROSEBUD

Ping made me decide to run, says Rosebud

By Dona Pazzibugan

Protective custody

Corrections

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32nd Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Attempt to arrest reporter at Palace hit

Filipino rocker tapped for Asean gig in Cebu

Cancer patient spreads life's joys online





DFA: 4 Pinays aiding white slavery gang in Kuwait

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After 7 years, Filipino crash victims' remains unclaimed

[illegible]

Foreign businesses to GMA: Stop killings



Serious blemish

Public distrust on probe

US apparel makers alarmed

Illegal dismissals

Soldiers' money went to many businesses

Goodfit capital depleted

Blue chip investments

Fruits, airline shares

Affiliates, subsidiaries

Loans, cash advances

Cultural center

SSS back in pink of health after five years

Ill-advised

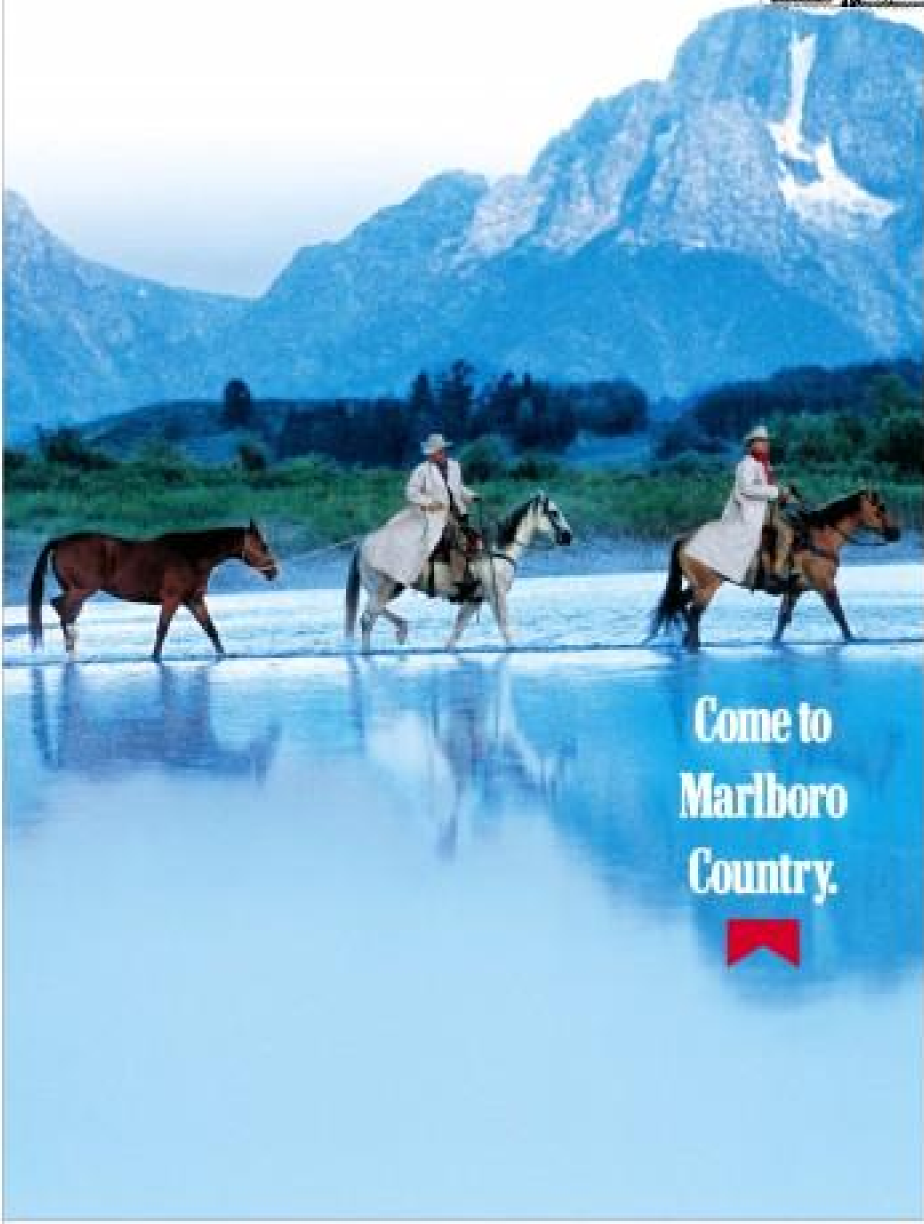
Aggressive collection

Stable footing

House leaders press passage of Biofuels Act

By Philip C. Tubeza

Solar panels to light up House tree



Government Warning:
Cigarette smoking is dangerous
to your health

Philippine Daily Inquirer
OPINION

Medical tourism

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP FOR THE MEDICAL tourism industry in the Philippines which is still in its infancy. Consider the following:

—The Philippines has made contact with hospitals and patients in European countries like Russia, Romania, Poland, Italy and France and they have expressed interest in medical procedures like coronary bypass and hip replacement surgery and a program for geriatric care.

EDITORIAL

—St. Luke's Medical Center was recently given the Gintong Sigla (Golden Enthusiasm) Seal of Approval by the Department of Health, making it the only full medical tourism partner of the DOH to date. St. Luke's is the first and only Philippine hospital to be accredited by the Joint Commission International and the second of 24 in Asia.

—A P238-million building is being constructed at the Philippine Heart Center compound in Quezon City to meet the needs of the expanding medical tourism program.

—The P350-million Benavides Cancer Institute, the first of its kind in the country, opened recently at the University of Sto. Tomas Hospital, giving the hospital the potential to obtain a substantial share of the $1.3-billion medical tourism business.

—The country has PhilMercy, the first and only website that promotes medical tourism. One can register at the website and select medical packages bundled with hotel accommodation, car transfer service, a tour guide and caregiver.

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The Philippines has thousands of world-class doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who can give foreign patients not only expert service but the sincere, caring attention that Filipinos are known for.

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Betting on amnesia

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

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Repercussions

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Postponing partisan strife

POLITICAL TIDBITS



Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

Slippers

YOUNG BLOOD

Cyra Miles Valdez

Flag and ritual along a shared border

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Iran's political clerics

WORLD VIEW



Mehdi Khalaji

Project Syndicate

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS

THEY SAID

Unconstitutional

Ready to fight

The injustice in Saddam's death sentence

If only school officials know and do their part

LETTERS

Stop the intimidation of church people

What defines terrorism?

Glorious claims but vague arguments

Envoys from 6 countries back peace

Diplomats get together for projects in Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—FOR THE FIRST TIME IN Mindanao, six ambassadors have jointly visited foreign-funded projects on the island.



AMBASSADORS join the dancing at the Islamic Institute of the Philippines in Zamboanga City. Those who went to promote peace in Mindanao were the ambassadors of the United States, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom.

ROUNDUP

Ilocos cops burn marijuana

Relocation site sought

Diarrhea death toll rises

Younger forest rangers sought

2 bombs explode as ARMM gov speaks

143 new cops going to war vs Reds penniless





CLEAN ACT

DOH plans new health system for Cabuyao

Lack of Koran learning seen as terror cause



SOLDIERS OF THE FUTURE

2 suspects in murder of Abra board exec charged

Alcano: A classic rags-to-riches tale

Humble beginning

Martyr, pool champ ...

NEWS

Petition rolling back jeepney fares filed



CHEd seeks new review centers ban

I. Norte, Zambo get new bishops



Aplus METRO

Editor Ernie O. Dipasupil

Cop files libel raps vs TV broadcaster

Probe show pictured lawman bullying drivers, says complaint

By DJ Yap

THE INVESTIGATOR HAS BECOME the subject of an investigation.

Broadcaster Mike Enriquez, host of GMA 7's public affairs show "Imbestigador," is facing a P6-million libel suit filed by a Makati City policeman who was featured on the program [illegible]

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EARLY BIRD
[illegible]



Buses to get e-tags for better MMDA control

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) will start "tagging" buses next year [illegible]

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Target

[illegible]



Cameraman's slay link to grenade attack probed

METROBRIEFS

Traffic advisory

IT training for PWDs

Reading workshops



CHEERY SIGHT

Missed breaks for teen accused of poisoning classmate

New Wawa Dam park could displace barangay residents

Biting sarcasm from a Marine officer

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



Cop files libel raps vs TV broadcaster

How to handle a hostage situation

DID YOU KNOW

Rights group: Abused workers propel Gulf boom

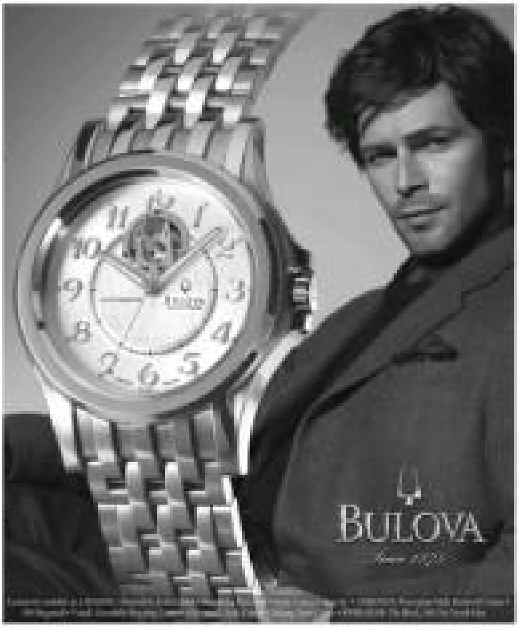
Boy's death sparks riot in China



ILLUSTRATED BULGARIAN

Iran vows quick reply to Israel hit

Indians worry about loose sex in call centers



The WORLD

Democrats to call for US troop pullout



WASHINGTON—DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN THE SENATE vowed on Sunday to use their new congressional majority to press for troop reductions in Iraq within a matter of months, stepping up pressure on the administration just as President Bush is to be interviewed by a bipartisan panel examining future strategy for the war.

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More new foreign students coming to US

[illegible]



NO IMPEDIMENT WHEN IT COMES TO DANCING

[illegible]

Scientists claim 'virtual map' of sheep genome

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Bishops send message to wayward US Catholics

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Top UN envoy urges Burma to free Suu Kyi



GAMBARI (right) with Suu Kyi in Rangoon, Nov. 11.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Rockets rip Heat as Yao tames Shaq/A25

SPORTS



■ RP booters try to bounce back/A26

SIGNS OF MISMATCH

Pacquiao prepared for the worst

LAS VEGAS—SPORTS BOOK ENtries in this brightly lit gaming capital on Saturday pointed to an evolving mismatch at the Thomas and Mack Center.

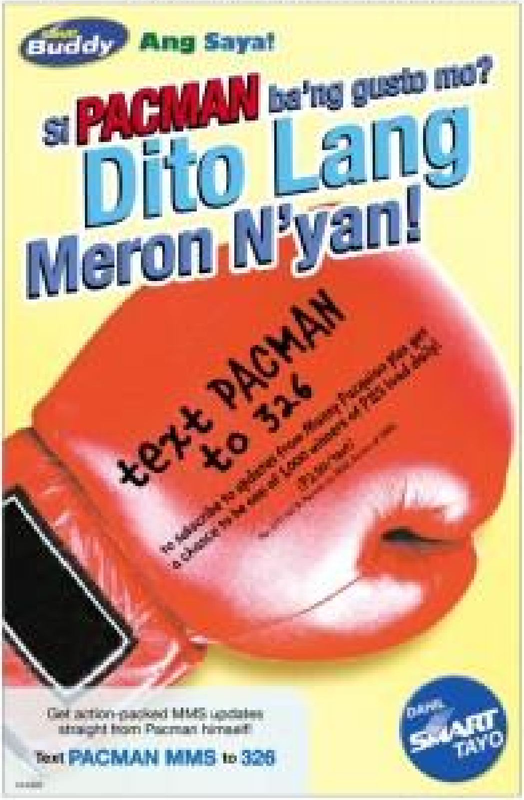


BLESSING BEFORE A BOUT



Pacman in Las Vegas, resumes final workout







Kettle Korn-UST faces Lhuillier

Holcim ITF 2nd leg fires off today



Pacman in Vegas . . .

Pacquiao prepared . . .

Latinos feel Morales has slim chance



MORALES

Tribu Sugbu edges Pagadian quintet

Filipinos all agog over pool hero Alcano

CLEAN LIVING



SPORTSWATCH



Comets ready to sparkle

So, Laylo gain GM results



SO



LAYLO



HOUSTON Rockets' Yao Ming stuffs one against the Miami Heat

Rockets rip Heat as Yao tames Shaq

Nowitzki powers Mavs

MIAMI—YAO MING WON THE LATEST SHOWdown between the NBA's two big men by leading the Houston Rockets to a 94-72 win over Shaquille O'Neal and the Miami Heat on Sunday.

Lorena cruises to victory, ends Annika's reign



OCHOA: Record 11-under total.

GMA Cup Open chessfest set Nov. 17



ARROYO



PICHAY

Mental overhaul works for Federer



FEDERER: Reservations

David tops Aussie in World Jr pool



PADILLA: Fired Singapore

Tac stays pistol king

SPORTS

Ang Liga: UST lady booters upset Candidates

Southwoods overpowers Orchard for Fed Golf title

RP tries to bounce back



Veterans, rookies blend well

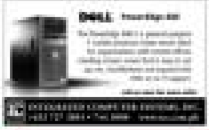
All even on 17th hole

Donato-Dungca dominates Mizuno Scramble 5th leg

Two times lucky for P1M poker bidder Pomerantz



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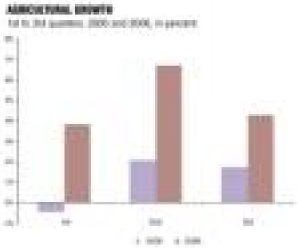


BUSINESS

Editor: Raul D. Marcelo • Assistant Editor: Dennis S. Martinez



Farm sector grew 4.87% in first 9 mos.



Crops, fisheries lead expansion despite typhoons

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE FARM SECTOR GREW BY 4.87 PERCENT IN THE NINE months to September despite a series of typhoons, much better than the 1.78-percent expansion a year ago, the Department of Agriculture said yesterday.

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FARM B4

Gov't sets Dec. 4 deadline for PTIC bids

By Michelle V. Remo

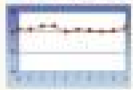
AS PART OF ONGOING EFFORTS TO [illegible] 114,415 shares or 46 percent of Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp. (PTIC).

PTIC holds a 24-percent stake in telecommunications giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT).

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GOV'T B2

CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Shares close lower

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Jollibee 9-mo income hits ₱1.5B

JFC quest for acquisitions shifts into overdrive

BayanTel recovering, posted ₱4B from Q1-Q3



The store of the show



Gov't ...

Shares ...

Farm sector grew 4.87% in first 9 months

RP banks' bad loan ratio dips in Sept.

BIR to look into drop in withheld taxes

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE HAS directed the Bureau of Internal Revenue to look into the drop in withholding tax collection.

[illegible]

NPLs down to ₱143.1B from ₱144.3 billion in Aug.

By Doris C. Dumlao

BAD LOANS HELD BY THE COUNTRY'S commercial banks dipped to 7.43 percent of total loans in September from 7.54 percent in August ...

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Malampaya review set

ON HIS FIRST DAY ON THE JOB, ...

[illegible]

Bush whacked

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Mr. Bearbull



Ben Nalbac

[illegible]



SM unit hikes capex budget to ₱20B in '07

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SM INVESTMENTS CORP., ONE OF THE country's biggest conglomerates owned by mall mogul Henry Sy is raising its capital spending next year to P20 billion from P13 billion largely on its market and mall projects, SM executive vice president Jose Sio told reporters in a briefing yesterday.

He said SMIC was likely to finance 35 to 40 percent of next year's budget for projects through dollar-denominated debts. He said that of the P20 billion in programmed spending in 2007, P7 billion would be earmarked for new malls in Bacolod, Tarlac and the expansion of its Cebu, Pampanga, Navotas and Esplanade development of the Mall of Asia in Pasay City, P7 billion for its 5,700-hectare resort project in Nasugbu, Batangas, and other property projects and P2 billion to expand its department stores, supermarkets and hypermarkets by 10 stores next year to 56 stores.

The Batangas project aims to convert 13 coves into an integrated network of coastal resort communities over a period of 25 to 30 years. Its first cove is targeted to be launched in the first quarter of 2007.

Sio also said that SMIC was poised to surpass its full-year target of earning P9.5 billion this year as it adds in its supermarket and hypermarket operations. SMIC reported a net income of P7.1 billion in 2005.

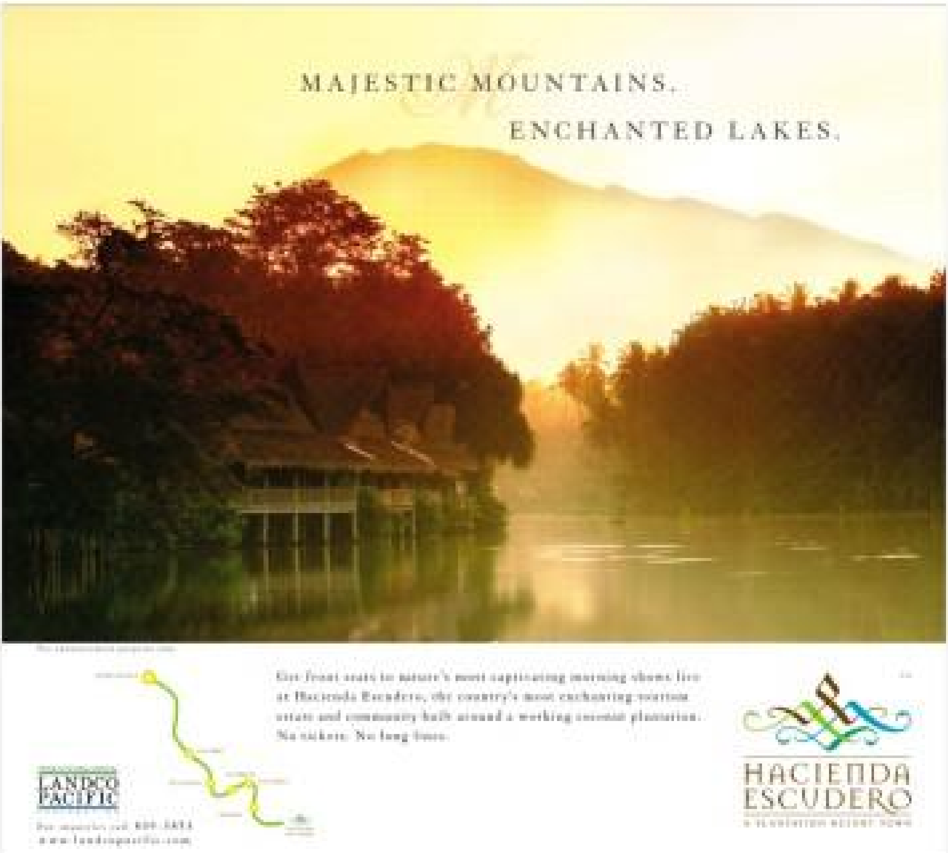
SMIC recently secured the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to sell to SM Supermarkets and SM Hypermarkets its to its retail business, which currently has 29 SM department stores in its portfolio. This signals the complete takeover of 26 supermarkets and nine hypermarkets into the books of SMIC. The assets are worth P11 billion in exchange for 56 million new shares of SMIC issued to the previous shareholders of the two companies.

As of the first nine months, SMIC said its net income grew 18 percent to P7.1 billion.









LIFESTYLE

WELL AND GOOD

Smoking can make you look older

> The difference in the wrinkling of the skin of smokers and non-smokers become most apparent after age 40

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

Alternating front arm raise

SHAPES THE FRONT OF THE shoulder.















A shopaholic's dream come true





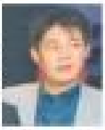


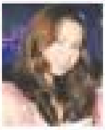


















Ultra experience

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache





Chic meeting place



As fluid and graceful as dance



SOFT, comfortable materials and dynamic cuts embodies the dance inspiration. Pure includes tight and cropped upper shapes and baggy pants for a modern and feminine look.



HOODIES

DANCE IS THE inspiration for the new Iconic Adidas Women Sport Performance line.









APPEALING details, such as printed logos and artwork, ... are complemented with colors that are bold, young and fresh, like soft pink and gray.

INNER AWARENESS

Sex is not shameful

Taboo

Eroticism in temples

Proper skin care prevents acne



Wellness tidbits to nibble on

INSIDE OUT
Cory Quirino

The why of it

Preventive medicine

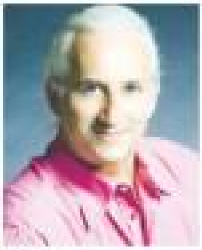
Balance

Are you a 5-9 person?

Beauty in a veggie

Your affirmation:





DR. Philip Maffetone

Book launch, conference on fitness slated

Foundation donates deworming pills

ENTERTAINMENT

Reviving Flor

The original Tita Jo and "moon flower" child recall the glory days of the classic soap opera





ORIGINAL "FLOR de Luna" leads Lauden Gallen and Janice de Belen

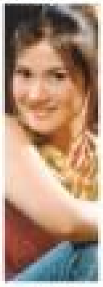


Derek Ramsey caught kissing Camille Pratts

DOLLY WOOD

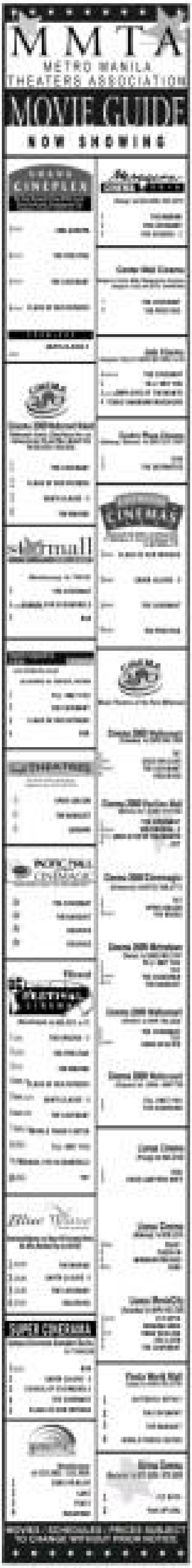


Dolly Anne Carvajal



CAMILLE PRATTS

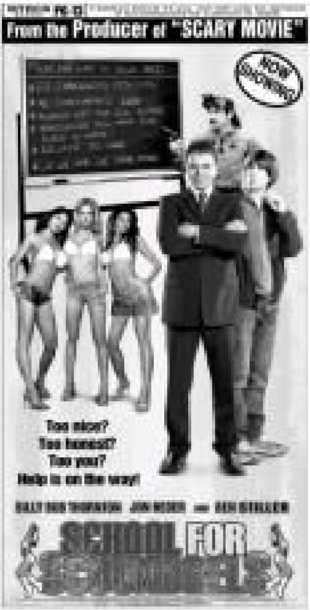
Reviving Flor

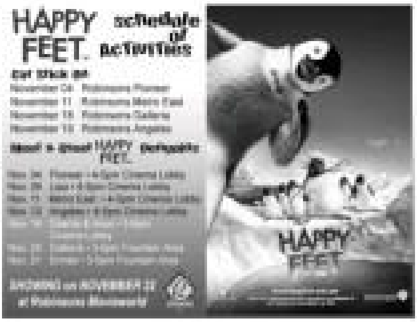




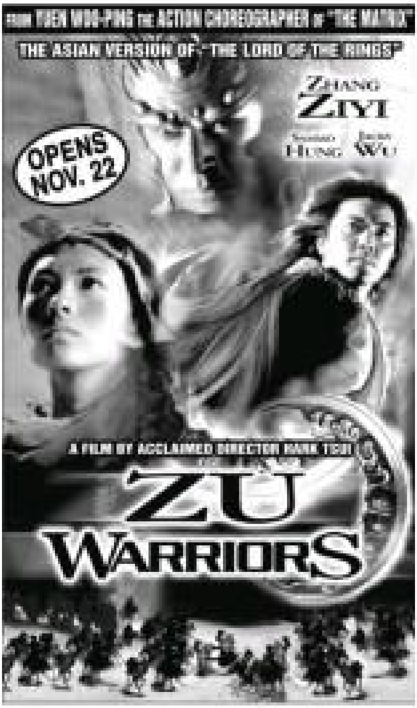












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Feedback

Envious

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Wonderful!

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Rupert fan

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Clarification

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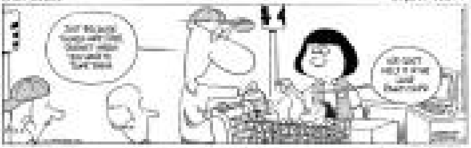
FOXTROT — BY BILL AMEND



A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



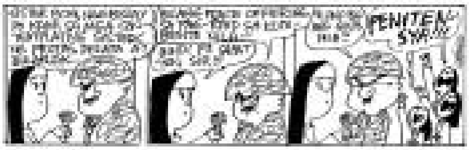
PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR



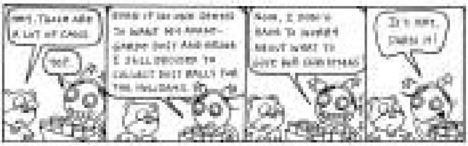
MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



LOVESHOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



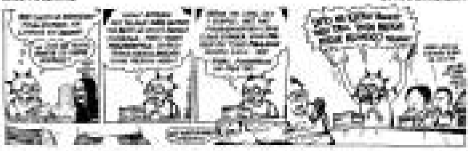
ATOMO AND WEBOT — BY LYRA GARCELLANO



DIVINE COMEDY — BY STEVEN FABUNAN



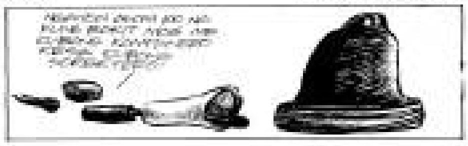
KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA



MIKROKOSMOS — BY JOMIKE TEJIDO



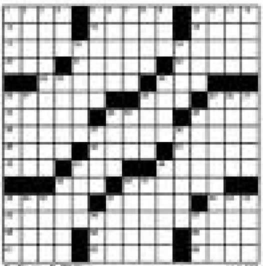
TULDOK — BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING

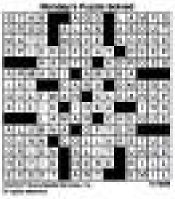


BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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	4		9			2	6	3
	7	2	3			1		
						7	5	9
				6				
3	9	4						
		9			1	3	8	
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					7		9	

Difficulty Level ★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Derek Ramsey caught kissing

Birthday concert

Horror flick

Reviving Flor

Very popular









AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema							
G1	1 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	2 THE COVENANT	3 THE MARINE	4 WORLD TRADE CENTER			
G4	1 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION	2 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION	3 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION	4 SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS	5 SANTA CLAUSE 3	6 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	7 THE COVENANT
GB1	1 THE COVENANT	2 CINDERELLA					
GB3	1 MARIE ANTOINETTE	2 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	3 THE PRESTIGE	4 SANTA CLAUSE 3	5 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION		
ATC	1 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	2 SANTA CLAUSE 3	3 THE COVENANT	4 SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS	5 THE PRESTIGE		
ACC	1 SANTA CLAUSE 3	2 THE COVENANT	3 MY FIRST WEDDING	4 THE BANQUET			
M2	1 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	2 SANTA CLAUSE 3	3 THE COVENANT	4 THE MARINE	5 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION		

At the Activity Center

GLORIETTA	ALABANG TOWN CENTER
AYALA CENTER CEBU	MARKET! MARKET!

Greenbelt

Onstage

Ayala Museum





Tale of preternatural power retold—with a lot of eye candy

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

For the books

'Hamlet: Rock'

Zhang Yimou's new film



Baron Cohen is a marvel of timing and dedication, never veering out of character

US and A fine fodder for ingenious comedy

REVIEW

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